CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY

SENATE RESEARCH COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE SENATE RESEARCH COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 5 NOVEMBER 1987 AT 9:15 A.M.
IN BC-110, SGW CAMPUS

ATTENDANCE:

Present were:

C.H. Langford (Chair), P. Albert, J. Boivin, P. Fazio, G. Johns, C. Ross, P. Shizgal, C.Y. Suen, M.N.S. Swamy, M. Wilkins, A.J. Williams, S. Bulzan (Secretary)

Absent with regrets:

M. Szabo

Absent:

B. MacKay

DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED AND DISTRIBUTED TO SENATE RESEARCH COMMITTEE:

SRC-87-11-05-D28	RESEARCH BROCHURE: "CONCORDIA AND THE COMMUNITY - RESEARCH HELPING YOU"
SRC-87-11-05-D29	OBSERVATIONS BY JACQUES PARIZEAU AT THE NATIONAL FORUM ON HIGHER EDUCATION
SRC-87-11-05-D30	COMPUTER RESOURCES COMMITTEE - FIVE YEAR STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN
SRC-87-11-05-D31	DRAFT RE: RAPPORT D'EVALUATION DES PROGRAMMES DU FONDS FCAR - BOURSES
SRC-87-11-05-D32	DRAFT RE: RAPPORT D'EVALUATION DES PROGRAMMMES DU FONDS FCAR - EQUIPES ET SEMINAIRES
SRC-87-11-05-D33	NOTES ON RAPPORT D'EVALUATION DES PROGRAMMES DU FONDS FCAR - P. SHIZGAL
SRC-87-11-05-D34	NOTES ON GUIDELINES FOR EVALUATION OF RESEARCH CENTRES

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Dr. C.H. Langford occupied the Chair.

Dr. Gary Johns was introduced to the Committee as the Faculty of Commerce replacement for Dr. John Doukas.

I. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1.1 It was moved and seconded (Ross, Suen) and unanimously RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Senate Research Committee meeting of 8 October 1987 be approved.

II. CHAIR'S REMARKS

A/ Professional Consultation Overheads

2.1 The Chair reported that he had not yet received a response regarding Professional Consultation Overheads since the Vice-Rectors had not yet met to discuss this issue.

2.2 This item will remain on the Agenda until the Chair will be able to present the Committee with a response.

B/ Research Brochure

2.1 The research brochure "Concordia and the Community - Research Helping You" was distributed to the Committee. The Chair stated that this brochure was designed to promote Concordia research to the private sector.

2.2 The Chair stated that he would like this brochure to be the first step in a series of approximately six with the others being a group of brochures concentrating on specific areas of research.

2.3 The Committee was invited to contact the Chair if there was interest in developing a brochure on a specific research area.

C/ Joint Liaison Office - Concordia/UQAM

2.1 The Committee was informed that official notification had been received from the National

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Research Council regarding the Joint Liaison Office between Concordia and UQAM. NRC agreed to fund this Office at a sum of $170,000 with a full-time professional Officer to work on development of contract work.

2.2 The Chair asked the Committee for suggestions concerning potential candidates for this position. The ideal candidate should be an Engineering graduate with an M.B.A., and bilingual. The Chair mentioned that this Office should be operating by 1 February 1988.

D/ Replacement for Dr. Fred Bird

2.1 A.J. Williams presented a profile of each of the candidates nominated for the position of Humanities representative. Drs. P. Albert, and P. Shizgal provided further details.

2.2 The Committee voted by preferential ballot recording first, second and third choices.

2.3 A unanimous decision was made to nominate Dr. P. Lightbown. Dr. Lightbown accepted and will attend the 3 December meeting.

E/ Jacques Parizeau Observations

2.1 The Chair informed the Committee that document SRC-87-11-05-D29 was distributed for their information.

F/ Five-year Strategic Development Plan - Computer Resources Committee

2.1 The Committee agreed with the Chair's suggestion of inviting Dr. Giguère to the December meeting for discussion of the above document.

G/ Association canadienne-française pour l'avancement des sciences

2.1 ACFAS pamphlets were distributed to the Committee for their information.

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2.2. The Chair encouraged the Committee to submit nominations from the Concordia community for ACFAS awards, and stressed participation in ACFAS meetings.

H/ Director of Research Services - A.J. Williams

2.1 Ms. Williams reported on the Salon de PME Exhibition which was held from 30 October - 1 November. Université de Québec and Concordia shared a booth. Three Concordia Centres also participated: CONCAVE, CBS, and the Catalysis Laboratory. Ms. Williams suggested that the Faculty of Commerce and Administration should consider attending next year's exhibition as many requests for information on the Faculty had been received.

2.2 Ms. Williams mentioned that former CASA funds will now be distributed through the divisional Committees. Priorities for their use are the responsibility of these Committees.

III. RAPPORT D'EVALUATION DES PROGRAMMES DU FONDS FCAR (Documents SRC-87-10-08-D24, SRC-87-11-05-D31, D32, and D33)

3.1 J. Boivin and M. Wilkins reported on the Bourses section of the FCAR document which they distributed to the Committee.

3.2 In their presentation, the two graduate students stated that there should be an incentive available to students which would tie the Masters and Ph.D. programs together.

3.3 The Chair added that rather than penalizing students, the time of completion of degrees should be a factor of the FCAR Equipes program.

3.4 The Equipes et séminaires section was discussed at length. It was suggested that older teams should be encouraged to phase out, thus bringing in younger researchers and starting up new areas.

3.5 The Committee discussed the issue of ensuring quality control of applications. Rather than establishing priorities, the University should make certain applications are properly prepared.

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3.6 With regard to Centres and the "Subvention terminale" policy, the Committee agreed that a decision cycle providing notice and an opportunity for carry-over in case of termination (6 months before end of cycle) would be necessary.

3.7 The Chair will integrate the notes presented and discussed at the meeting as well as subsequent submissions into a draft position for circulation to the Committee.

IV. GUIDELINES FOR RESEARCH CENTRES

4.1 This item will reappear on the Agenda of the 3 December 1987 meeting due to lack of time.

4.2 The Chair stated that he would like to bring something forward to Senate this year.

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.